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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL ON FRENCH PERMREP

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY MCHENRY, PAID BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON FRENCH PERM REP LEPRETTE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9. MEETING WAS MOSTCORDIAL WITH LEPRETTE STATING THAT HE HOPED TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP MAINTAINED BY THEIR PREDECESSORS. LEPRETTE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN AGREEMENT ON ALL ISSUES AS THE U.S. AND FRANCE SOMETIMES HAD DIFFERENT SEPARATE INTERESTS. LEPRETTE CITED FRENCH INABILITY TO AGREE WITH U.S. ON KOREA (SIC) AND VIETNAM WHEN THESE ISSUES BEFORE U.N. IN INSTANCES OF DIFFERENCES HE WISHED TO ASSURE AMBASSADOR YOUNG THAT HE WORKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. LEPRETTE RAISED DJIBOUTI AND MAYOTTE IN THE COMORRO ISLANDS. ON THE FORMER HE STRESSED THAT THE FRENCH HAD NO INTEREST BUT PEACE. FRENCH WERE CONCERNED THAT ALTHOUGH THE SOMALI SUPPORTED THE RECENT PARIS ROUND TABLE OF PARTIES. THE ETHIOPIANS WERE TAKING THE OPPOSITE APPROACH. THE FRENCH HAD NO PARTICULAR QUESTION TO RAISE ON DJIBOUTI BUT HOPED THAT THEIR ALLIES WOULD HELP AS APPROPRIATE.

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3. ON MAYOTTE, LEPRETTE SUGGESTED THAT FRANCE HOPED TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR A STATUS REFERENDUM WITHIN THREE YEARS WHICH WOULD KEEP MAYOTTE IN COMORO GROUP.

4. REFERRING TO EARLIER MEETING OF WESTERN MEMBERS OF SC AT RESIDENCE OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR, LEPRETTE NOTED

THAT RHODESIA NOT DISCUSSED AND INQUIRED OF U.S. POLICY.
YOUNG NOTED THAT RHODESIA WAS THE SUBJECT DISCUSSION IN
THE CALLAGHAN VISIT. IN GENERAL, THE U.S. SOUGHT TO SUPPORT
THE U.K.
YOUNG

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